## **CELL PHONES**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

There are more than 500 million used cell phones in the U.S. sitting in people's drawers or worse, in our landfills, and another 130 million will be added this year alone!

**Don't Trash Your Cell Phone -- Recycle It!** Help us keep toxic metals out of the waste stream and the environment by recycling your old cell phones.

## WASTE CHARACTERIZATION

Cell phones contain toxic metals that can pollute the environment and threaten human health. When recycled responsibly, the metals can be put back into circulation, decreasing the need for new metal mining.

## HANDLING AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

- Bring your old cell phones to the DPW Environmental Division, 948 Santos Dumont Avenue, Wheeler Army Airfield, Bldg. 105.
- We will ship your phones to a recycler to be refurbished, reset and reused.
- We accept all makes and models of cell phones, working or not.
- We do not accept loose batteries, chargers or accessories.
- There are no security or privacy concerns as long as your phone has been deactivated and SIM card is removed. When the phones are refurbished, they are completely cleared and reprogrammed, erasing any trace of your ownership. This includes erasing the phone book, so your privacy is protected and you have no chance of getting a bill from the next owner.
- Broken phones will be recycled for their usable parts to assemble new phones.

